



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Committee Statement
LB 652

Hearing Date: March 3, 2003

Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Introducer(s): (Combs, Bromm, Byars, Connealy, Hartnett, Janssen, Dw. Pedersen, D. Pederson, Preister, Price, Schimek, Schrock, Stuhr, Thompson, Tyson)

Title: Require insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Quandahl, Tyson, Jensen, Mines, Redfield
	No	
3	Present, not voting	Senators Foley, Johnson, Loudon
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Jeanne Combs
Michael Eppel, M.D.
Judy Kimschot

Catherine Verplank
Stephanie Coronel
Judy Webster

David Holmquist
Saundra Karst

Opponents:

Galen Ullstrom
Thomas Jenkins
Tony Sorrentino

William Peters
Janis McKenzie

Representing:

Introducer
American College of Gastroenterology
American Cancer Society
Self
American Cancer Society
Hereditary Cancer Institute
American Cancer Society
Self
American Cancer Society
Self

Representing:

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co.
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE
NE State Chamber of Commerce
National Federation of Independent Business
NE Bankers Association
Golden Rule Insurance Co.
NE Insurance Federation

Neutral:
David McBride

Representing:
Assn. of Insurance and Financial Advisors-NE

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 652 (Combs, Bromm, Byars et al.) would enact a new section to require that any individual or group health insurance policy or contract and any self-funded employee benefit plan not preempted by federal law shall include screening coverage for a colorectal cancer examination and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic covered person fifty years of age and older. The bill would provide that such coverage shall include a maximum of one screening fecal occult blood test annually and a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years, a colonoscopy every ten years, or a barium enema every five to ten years, or any combination, or the most reliable, medically recognized screening test available.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Mark Quandahl, Chairperson